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**Subject:** FW: Sample assignment/case together

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**From:** Lawler, Michael (DPH)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2010 1:38 PM  
**To:** Salemi, Charles (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: Sample assignment/case together

Just got the call for a case for which I was summonsed today and I am now scheduled to appear at Edward Brooke Court House tomorrow at 9 am. Mike

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**From:** Salemi, Charles (DPH)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2010 1:18 PM  
**To:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH)  
**Cc:** O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH); Lawler, Michael (DPH); Piro, Peter (DPH); Saunders, Della (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: Sample assignment/case together

Julie, keep the meeting at 9am if convenient for everyone. I spoke with Betsy about certain aspects of the new system of assigning samples, and she can relay my concerns and thoughts to those at the meeting. If any other issues arise , we can discuss later.. CBS

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**From:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 2:56 PM  
**To:** O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH); Salemi, Charles (DPH); Saunders, Della (DPH); Piro, Peter (DPH); Lawler, Michael (DPH); Sprague, Shirley (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: Sample assignment/case together

Thanks for reminding us all about this important issue. I will send out a meeting invitation to each of you so that we can discuss.  
Julie

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**From:** O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 1:10 PM  
**To:** Salemi, Charles (DPH); Saunders, Della (DPH); Piro, Peter (DPH); Lawler, Michael (DPH); Sprague, Shirley (DPH)  
**Cc:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH)  
**Subject:** Sample assignment/case together

Just an update on the sample status in the evidence office and the upcoming transition to assigning the entire case to one chemist on a regular basis.

We are currently assigning June powder samples and May RX samples. There are no VM bins and the trafficking's are up to date. The looming date to keep in mind is July 22, 2009. This is the date where the entire case has been kept together, either in the same envelope or in chronological order. I estimate we are about one month away from assigning samples from that date at the rate we are going.

I think perhaps we should discuss at least two things: First, chemists will no longer have the freedom to analyze only what their preference is (some only like to do powders), and are they prepared to analyze all types of samples? Secondly, what does this mean for Mass Spec? Chemists will be submitting samples of all types at once, rather than the batches of similar substances. How can we keep as few GC/MS analysts involved as possible? Can chemists such as Della, Kate, Annie and Dan analyze their own samples and eliminate the need for a second chemist at all on their certs? (We could always have a "reviewer" look over their certs as a second pair of eyes).

I don't want this pending date to catch anyone off guard so perhaps we can discuss this in advance and head off any confusion.

Thanks,

ELO